



Far From Punxsutawney

It's a long way from Punxsutawney, Pa., home of Punxsutawney Phil, the patriarch groundhog of Groundhog Day legend, to Paw Paw, Mich., home of "Woody," pet groundhog of Mrs. Catherine Mary Price. But, "Woody" seems content to be held by Mrs. Price, as a family pet without worries of legend. The legend says that if groundhog emerges Feb. 2 from burrow and sees his shadow, he returns to burrow for six more weeks of winter. If no shadow is seen, groundhog stays out and an early spring is on the way. "Woody's" eligibility as

a weather prophet may be in question, since it seldom is allowed outdoors under any circumstances. It's den is a plastic garbage can attached to the price home, and the den exits only into the house. The female groundhog, or woodchuck, is a family pet, but not too friendly with strangers. Mrs. Price has Department of Natural Resources permit to keep wild animal as pet. For the record: Neither "Woody" nor Punxsutawney Phil saw their shadow this morning. (Staff photo by Steve McQuown).

Five Of 'Covert Eight' Facing New Charges

By STEVE MCQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau
PAW PAW — The Rev. Albert Sampson and four other members of the "Covert Eight" have been charged with fraudulent voter registration in Covert township in misdemeanor warrants au-

Michigan

Traffic Deaths.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Feb. 2 State Police count
This year 147
Last year 141

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thorized by Van Buren Prosecutor William Buhl.

The Covert Eight was a group of eight persons arrested in September, 1971 on trespassing charges in Buhl's office in the county courthouse here. They were subsequently cleared of the charge in a non-jury trial which gained them state-wide recognition.

The five are accused in the warrants of fraudulently misrepresenting their places of residences in registering to vote in Covert township in October. The warrants allege the five actually lived elsewhere.

Action regarding the five came after Covert Township Clerk F. B. Hoffacker investigated a report carried in the Chicago Tribune newspaper in December which said an Albert Sampson had filed petitions of candidacy for election in the Republican primary

there for a position in the Illinois House of Representatives.

Following investigation, Hoffacker said he conferred with Buhl and removed the names from the registration rolls in addition to signing formal complaints against the five.

State law requires to register within Michigan a person must have lived within the state for six months and within the township where he is registering for at least 30 days.

In addition to Sampson, the men were identified as Joshua Ware, Herman Lee Harris Jr., Charles Williams and William Daniel Jackson.

No details of the reasons for the removal of the four other than Sampson were released. Under the warrants conviction would carry a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail or \$500 or both.

Buhl said none of the five

have been taken into custody and that they are believed to be now outside of the county, if not the state. He said, under misdemeanor warrants, extradition is not permitted.

In a telephone interview by a member of this newspaper with the Illinois secretary of state's office, an official said Sampson's petitions of candidacy had been rejected because they had not been filed in time. The petitions carried a home address of 6614 South Kenwood avenue, Chicago.

Waiting Is Over For Two Million

Nation's 19-Year-Olds Learn Draft Numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The draft lottery for two million men turning 19-years-old this year began today with No. 29 being assigned to those born Sept. 26, 1953.

The second draw of capsules from two plexiglass drums in this fourth draft lottery, perhaps the last in the Vietnam war era that will actually draft men, mated No. 319 to men born Oct. 11, 1953.

Nov. 24 was drawn from a red capsule and No. 180 from a blue capsule on the third match of a ceremony in the Commerce Department auditorium that is expected to last about two hours.

The lottery decides the sequence of the call to military service in 1973, at least until July 1 of the year when the current draft authority expires. President Nixon has pledged to achieve a zero draft by then and make another extension of the draft unnecessary.

Only those with very low numbers are expected to be called. The callup is expected to be far under the lottery No. 125 reached in 1971.

Draft Director Curtis W. Tarr, in remarks prepared to open the ceremonies in the Commerce Department auditorium, said:

"It is a continuing goal of President Nixon to establish an all-volunteer armed force, and thus to end reliance on the draft, by mid-1973. We do not know as yet what the draft call will be in 1973.

"Nor do we know as yet what the call will be for the remainder of 1972, but we do expect calls to be lower than they have been in recent years."

Tarr traced the short history of the draft lottery, starting in 1969, saying "both the U.S. military situation and Selective Service have changed a great deal."

"The manpower requirements of the armed services have decreased considerably, and there has been a corresponding lowering of the number of men inducted each year."

Tarr said the goal of all the changes in the draft "has been to make the draft, for as long as is necessary, as fair and

equitable as possible to all young men."

Plans are to hold a stand by lottery next year even though the draft authority is expected to expire without renewal on June 30, 1973. But Selective Service could decide to call

that off if no need is indicated.

For today's drawing the birthdates were placed in big red capsules and the numbers in blue ones. Each color group then went into giant plexiglass drums in a scrambled se-

quence. The drums were rotated to mix the capsules even further.

Four young men and two women—three whites and three blacks—were chosen to draw (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

Midshipman Very Well Distributed

By CHARLES HANLEY
Associated Press Writer
TROY, N.Y. (AP) — Brimmer, B. J., is a natural for the U. S. Naval Academy—born of Navy parents, young, healthy and eager to don the blues of a midshipman.

Just one problem. Brimmer, B. J., is a girl—103 pounds of girl well distributed on a 5-foot-3 frame.

"I've always had a feeling for the Navy," says Barbara Jo Brimmer, who is determined to shatter a 127-year-old tradition and become the first woman at Annapolis.

Her sponsor, Sen. Jacob Javits, said Tuesday.

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BARBARA JO BRIMMER
Appointed to Academy

massive dormitory that houses the entire brigade of midshipmen.

Some have suggested that midshipwomen content themselves with merely attending classes at the academy and not joining the brigade in all of its activities.

"Then we wouldn't become Navy officers really," Barbara Jo countered.

Barbara Jo's father, Kenneth, is a 1920 graduate of Annapolis, and her mother, Lenore, served as a WAVE officer during World War II.

"We've supported her all the way," said Mrs. Brimmer. Brimmer, who retired in 1946 with the rank of commander, conceded that he was a little hesitant.

"But if she really wanted it, I didn't see why she shouldn't get it," he said.

"A lot of old traditions have been broken since I was there."

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Niles Doctor's Wife Accused Of Death Plot

The wife of a Niles physician was arrested Tuesday on a charge of conspiracy to commit the murder of her husband, Berrien County Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor said today.

Under arrest was Mrs. Yvonne Daily, 40, currently residing at 1648 Reeder street, Benton township. In September, 1970 Mrs. Daily was charged with assault with intent to

commit murder in the shooting of Dr. Walter S. Daily. Taylor said that charge was dropped when Dr. Daily declined to testify against his wife.

Investigation into the current charge began a week and a half ago when the alleged "placing of a murder contract" was brought to the attention of the prosecutor's office," Taylor said. The investigation, he added, was

conducted by state police of the Niles and Benton Harbor posts and state police intelligence officers.

Taylor said he had no comment on with whom the alleged contract was placed.

State police of the Niles post said Dr. Daily's office is at 122 Grant street, Niles. Dr. and Mrs. Daily were residing west of Cassopolis when he was shot in 1970.



SUGGEST FEWER COMMISSIONERS: County Commissioner Edward Grieger of New Buffalo (standing) suggested last night at a public hearing in New Buffalo township that the Berrien County Apportionment commission consider reducing the present 21 commissioner districts by nine or 10 to maintain the current budget. Members of the apportionment commission are (left to

right): F. A. (Mike) Jones, county Republican chairman; James Keller, county Democratic chairman (face hidden); Ronald Taylor, county prosecutor, chairman; Forrest Kesterke, county clerk, secretary, and William Heyn, county treasurer. See story on front page of Section 3. (Staff photo)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Togetherness In Local Government

We had the good fortune of being invited Monday night to hear Mayor Richard Lugar of Indianapolis address the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner meeting on the subject of consolidated local government.

The speaker legitimately owns Jack Benny's 39th birthday and is in his first term at Indiana's capital city which ranks No. 11 per the head count among U.S. cities.

Lugar whose family still farms 600 acres within 20 miles of downtown Indianapolis was a leader in a movement to combine the city and its surrounding Marion county into a single body which they call uni-government.

The same system already has been applied in Denver, Colorado, and Nashville, Tennessee.

The Indianapolis plan, operating from a single property tax base, supplies fire and police protection, schools, sewer and water, street maintenance and other municipal services uniformly throughout the expanded area.

The smaller suburban towns surrounding the core city retain their legal identity and are permitted to tax themselves to furnish a higher level of service within their boundaries. They may not, however, deviate from uni-government's minimum requirements.

The Indianapolis plan came about as a home grown solution to the problems of urban and suburban life besetting nearly every community in our country.

Substantially, these problems are the demands for physical service and the meeting of intangible people engagements created by a densifying population; and the financial inability of one local unit within its conglomerate neighborhood to pay for their solution.

Lugar, whom President Nixon publicly acclaimed as his "favorite mayor," put it so succinctly, "You need a board of directors to set policy and a management to carry it out. It can't be done by a committee."

The Indianapolis experiment, in Lugar's words, is not an unqualified success, but it is working.

Outside business and industry is moving into the area to the tune of several hundred millions of investment annually. Between that accrual and the efficiency from areawide as contrasted to small neighborhood service arrangements the Marion county property tax rate has dropped successively in the past four years.

There remains a sizeable minority opposed to the plan. It contests vigorously with city hall because it grew up in the heritage of every little unit being perfectly capable of managing its own affairs and bitterly resents the population trends inundating their communities.

This column has long advocated the message brought by Mayor Lugar.

Though our area is far from the metropolitan concentration of an Indianapolis, our problems parallel the Hoosier capital's experience and our individual means to meet those difficulties are like sending a local high school team down to play the Notre Dame varsity.

This gap in containerizing the pressure is not confined to our area. It prevails in Michigan on a line from Muskegon to Bay City south to the Indiana and Ohio state lines. Only north from that line where the population thins out and the economics shifts from an industrial to an agrarian nature are the individual local units still maintaining a semblance of meeting the demands placed upon them.

The consolidated school represents the only exception in this deteriorating situation and education is merely one slice in the total governmental orange.

A definite advantage to launching the Indianapolis plan is Indiana's comparative leniency toward governmental consolidation.

Michigan still embodies in its state constitution and its legislative enactments the New England tradition of crossroads sovereignty.

This tradition is fine, one we would hope will not go down the drain.

Yet as Mayor Lugar pointed out the other night it will collapse, to be superseded by another bureau in Lansing or Washington, unless the small local units pool their resources into larger, better arranged geographical entities.

Every income tax statement sent out from Lansing or Washington is a reminder that the bureaucrat from long distance spends twice as much as will a home community on a given difficulty and perform a worse job.

The experiment in Denver, Indianapolis and Nashville recognizes a transition in American life which some prefer not to mention and which even more still fail to understand.

In America's pioneering days, the city, township, borough, village, was laid out to meet a growth essentially agrarian in nature.

The American shift from an agricultural economy, first to an industrialized atmosphere and, more and more, today, to a service oriented economy has drastically altered the speed and concentration of the growth.

This raises all manner of irritations, and ironically, what our ancestors devised to cope with an anticipation is being used today as a shelter for frustrations.

Lugar and others saw the fragility of such a shelter and decided they better rebuild the house before the basement flooded and the roof caved in.

Do it yourself and do it now will create a better compatibility than Washington, Lansing or the courts with their 14th Amendment rulings can fashion.

companions killed, captured or evicted. Yokoi and a few others went underground.

Eight years ago the companions he knows about died. After that, he was alone, until two hunters discovered him while he was foraging for food.

Now he's due for a hero's welcome in a country where 52 percent of the population was born after he left, a generation reared to ignore the tradition which gave Yokoi the stamina to stay under cover for 28 years. That was the code of Bushido, self discipline, bravery and simple living.

Bushido was regarded as the basis for the ferocity of the Japanese in combat. The American forces of occupation, in their eagerness to eradicate Bushido; helped the Japanese to learn the American way of life.

Yokoi goes home, where a job must be found for him. Perhaps after training, he will come to the U.S. as a salesman for transistor radios. He's been living on American soil for 28 years and thus might not even need a passport.

Many Indonesian mosques lack minarets; because jungles muffle a muezzin's cry, booming buffalo skin drums call the pious to prayer, the National Geographic Society says.

The gopher turtles of the south and west are exclusively terrestrial and never go near the water.

'73 Serving



GLANCING BACKWARDS

TOWNSHIP OKAYS AMENDMENT

1 Year Ago

St. Joseph township trustees last night approved an amendment to the water contract with the City of St. Joseph.

It provided that residents on both sides of the street will pay the same tap regardless of which side the sewer is one.

WORK OUTLINED FOR ASSOCIATION

10 Years Ago

The role of the Red Cross in event of a natural disaster was outlined to the Women's Association of Memorial Hospital on Thursday, by Ralph Casperson.

Casperson, Red Cross chairman of Berrien county, spoke in Memorial hospital's sixth floor solarium, relating the responsibilities of both the government and Red Cross in case of disaster.

DEFENDERS WAIT FOR ASSAULT

30 Years Ago

The defenders of Singapore, on guard against an expected Japanese thrust across Johore strait, blasted three small enemy craft which appeared yesterday in the narrow waterway and sank one of the vessels, British headquarters announced today.

At the same time, a communique said, artillery on Singapore island bombarded Japanese forces moving into Johore Bahru, directly across the strait.

TROOPS ORDERED

40 Years Ago

For the first time in 32 years, with the exception of the world war, regular army troops have been ordered

overseas for emergency duty.

MOVING

50 Years Ago

Mrs. Bertha Miners is moving from an apartment in the Rice flats to the Reich apartments on Ship street.

COLD MORNING

60 Years Ago

This morning was the cold-

est so far this winter. At the Union Ice and Coal company the thermometer registered 12 below zero.

CITIZENS MEET

80 years Ago

A meeting of citizens is called at the Lake View hotel to discuss matters of general interest to the town.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

MID-WINTER

December has passed, January is here, Holly wreaths are gone, Frosted pines are in full gear.

In just a few months the Dogwood will burst into bloom, And for you and for me, it can't come too soon. When old Mother Nature decides to make good, And show off her beauty, as each lady should.

So she paints the leaves green, Decks the flowers with colors, And leans back and smiles, As winter takes to cover.

EDNA PRINCE,
Galen

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

LAKEHORE IS SAVED
"These are the times that try men's souls."

Those words by Thomas Paine, describing the revolutionary atmosphere of the American colonies 200 years ago, can be just as aptly applied to our own times. And just as surely as Paine's words rallied the forces of liberty and justice to the side of such great men as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Patrick Henry during the colonial times, so also will the defenders of freedom and equality gather today in support of our fearless leaders.

We in the Lakeshore school district can feel justifiably proud and secure, knowing our liberties and individual rights are being nobly defended against the evil forces of tyranny and oppression. By stamping out evil wherever they may find it, the names of Jen Schuster, Dennis Knola, Lionel Stacey, and the members of the school board will ring down through the ages as paragons of vigilance, courage, and determination to endure. Their names will be symbols of the ideals we are trying to instill in our children, the leaders of tomorrow.

We should commend them publicly for their total dedication to the defense of the community against the common enemy. Quick action on the part of these men in squelching such criminal behavior as that displayed by those seven young men who refused to cut their hair, and again on Monday, Jan. 31, when they ferreted out another wild eyed radical whose hair style was shown to be offensive to decent society, only goes to prove the integrity and nobility of these modern Minutemen.

After all, if those radicals would go so far as to dare to wear their hair one inch below their collar, who knows what other diabolical plots they may be hatching against the community, such as bombing the village hall, or poisoning Hickory Creek, or—horror of horrors—kidnapping Ernie Hauch. In fact, they may even go so far as to steal the copy of our precious Constitution right off the shelf of the local library.

We must also express our undying gratitude to the school administrators and teachers for doing such a fine job of keeping up with the latest fashion news and the changing hair styles (bless those silly little millimeters!) and in so doing, proving themselves thoroughly competent and knowledgeable in their particular fields of endeavor.

Who knows how many countless hours those dedicated people have spent patrolling the school corridors, ruler in hand, guarding our students and their dress code against the onslaughts of dangerous subversives who might attempt to defy the "rule of the ruler."

Lastly, we should thank the Lord God himself for loving and caring so much for the Lakeshore school district that he saw fit to hand down his Eleventh Commandment for one of our very own sand dunes: Thou shalt groom thyself according to community acceptance at all costs.

In closing, may we thank this newspaper for its completely fair and unbiased reporting of the events which have been taking place recently in our community.

Happiness is living in Lakeshore.

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Roy Cromley

Peking's Silent Power Struggle



WASHINGTON (NEA) — This reporter will never forget the day in Yenan, 27 years ago, when one of Mao Tse Tung's intimates drew me aside and, making sure no one else could hear, declared that he was a virtual prisoner.

"They will not let me go back to my army," he said. "They keep me here because they do not trust me."

Speaking this was Ch'en Yi, whose death is now reported — ex-marshal of Red China's armed forces, former vice premier and foreign minister and veteran of the Long March, when he had held ground in the south as Mao and the main body of Communists retreated north.

Ch'en was then one of the 20 men who ruled Communist China. He was Mao's intimate at Yenan, the personal faith between the two was great and Ch'en was completely loyal to that trust. He was commanding general of New Fourth Army, one of the two major forces in the Communist command at that time.

Yet Ch'en was talking in this vein to me, a foreigner, an American Army officer on leave of absence from the Wall Street Journal, the symbol of capitalism and the antithesis of Communism.

This was one of the periods when Mao was fighting for his very existence as head of the Chinese Communist party. On the surface, things were smooth, as they seem superficially today. Chou En-lai, with unruffled mien, deals with President Nixon's ad-

vance parties as though nothing were happening within the party — while a deep and bitter power struggle rages in the background.

What was happening then in Yenan in the 1940s is what is happening again today in the 1970s. Mao's rivals have been hacking away at those personally loyal to him.

The struggle within China has been all the more complicated because one and another of the anti-Mao group has sought Russian backing. The Russians, on their side, have attempted to build up their own clique within the top levels of the Chinese Communist party. They have offered high stakes — modern military arms, nuclear know-how, technical assistance.

The Moscow price, though, has been high — subservience in foreign and military affairs and a heavy say in industrial and agricultural development.

This Mao fought. But the struggle was not limited to the relationship with Russia, or over what philosophy of Communism would prevail, or the Russians, or the Chinese variety developed by Mao.

It was a personal struggle for power.

Of late, the struggle has often turned to who would surround Mao and be his advisers — who would be in the line of succession. That is, as Mao aged, the battle for succession became more important than the battle to oust Mao. For he had become a national legend, useful in holding the country together.

Marianne Means

Florida's Askew In Line For Veep?



WASHINGTON — Should the Democrats go south for their Vice Presidential nominee this year? The question suddenly becomes pertinent with the selection of Florida's Gov. Reubin Askew to be the party's keynote speaker. It is a coveted role that will give him national exposure for the first time.

At the last Republican convention, the keynote speaker was also a relatively obscure Southern governor — who was so impressive he was tapped two days later to be President Nixon's running mate. If you pronounce or spell the names carelessly, Agnew then comes out almost like Askew.

Askew's selection to open the Miami Beach convention is testimony both to the emerging power of the New South and the reluctance of the Democrats to concede the Confederate states to President Nixon or Gov. George Wallace.

Conventional political wisdom has it that if Wallace is off the ballot this fall, President Nixon will carry all 11 Southern states. In 1968, Nixon carried five (including Florida) and Wallace five, leaving only Texas to Hubert Humphrey.

Some Democratic strategists, however, think that

new, progressive tides are at work in the South that make it possible for a centrist Democratic Presidential nominee, such as Sen. Edmund Muskie, to carry at least four states in the region. Florida is one of those states.

In the old days of the Solid South, before the civil rights struggles of the 1960's, the Democrats automatically picked Vice Presidential nominees who came from south of the Mason-Dixon Line. President Kennedy's choice of Lyndon Johnson in 1960 was the last in that tradition.

The South is no longer solid. The question is whether the New South, as symbolized by Gov. Askew, has sufficiently shaken off its fear of integration to make an investment like the Vice Presidency worth it for the Democrats.

Gov. Askew, 43, is in sharp contrast to the oldtime Southern politicians who campaigned on a platform of isolating and ignoring the blacks. In his inauguration speech last year, he counseled obedience to integration laws, even if it meant busing. On the night before Gov. Wallace opened his Presidential campaign in leaving only Texas to Hubert Humphrey.

Askew pleaded with voters to reject "those who would exploit racial discord."

Modern Hermit

Shoichi Yokoi can be compared to Rip Van Winkle, who slept for 20 years, or to Robinson Crusoe, who spent a mere four years, seven months on an island. But both are irrelevant in his case.

The irony of Yokoi's history is that he has spent more than half his life away from his homeland, where more than half the population has forgotten, or is supposed to have forgotten, the creed that possessed him to live mostly as a hermit for the last 28 years.

Yokoi left Japan for the war in late 1941. The summer of 1944 found him on the island of Guam, where in six months of fighting the Japanese were all except for Yokoi and a few

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"Not a bad idea, Henry—because of the lack, we cut down on the number of people who attend policy discussions!"

Brickley Assures 'Local Autonomy'

Area Residents Told Advantages Of School Finance Proposal

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Lieutenant Governor James H. Brickley assured area citizens last night that Gov. Milliken's proposed school finance plan would in no way take away local control of schools and put it in the hands of State government.

Speaking before approximately 200 persons at the Lake Michigan college auditorium, Brickley said, "There is not one word in this proposed amendment that would take away one iota of local autonomy."

He said that local boards will still have control over all major policy decisions affecting their districts.

Milliken's plan, designed to give equality in educational opportunity to all, would be accomplished by switching the cost of education from the present property tax system and paying for it by taking another chunk out of everyone's weekly paycheck by means of an increase in the state income tax.

If the proposed constitutional amendment is passed then after Jan. 1, 1973, local school millage can no longer be levied for regular school operating costs, but local millage may still be levied by a vote of the people for educational enrichment and construction. By doing away

with the property tax for regular school operating expenses would mean giving \$618-million in individual property tax relief and \$500-million in business tax relief, according to the lieutenant governor.

The individual property tax would be replaced by a 2.3 per cent increase in the flat rate state income tax for individuals, moving the rate up to 6.2 per cent. The total business property tax would be offset by either a value-added tax, which the Governor recommends, or a statewide tax on business property, or by a combination of the two.

Under the plan, each district would be guaranteed 47 faculty and staff members per 1,000 students. Districts currently having a higher staff-student ratio would then have to levy some property tax (an enrichment option of not more than six mills) to keep them.

Operating funds for townships and counties would continue to come from the property tax, under the plan.

The proposed amendment would reduce the maximum property tax rate from 50 mills to 26 mills, freezing it at 26 mills constitutionally, according to Milliken.



BRICKLEY QUESTIONED: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rizzo of 398 Jakway, Benton Harbor, discuss a point in Gov. Milliken's school finance plan with

Lieutenant Gov. James H. Brickley following his presentation at the Lake Michigan college auditorium last night. (Staff photo)

Expelled Students' Suit Is Dismissed

A suit brought in U.S. federal district court by seven of a group of students expelled from Benton Harbor high school after a riot in January

of 1971 has been dismissed. The Benton Harbor board of education has been notified that Federal District Judge Noel P. Fox signed the

dismissal order Jan. 21 in the Grand Rapids court.

The judge noted in his dismissal order that the plaintiffs, Glenn Coleman and six other students, had received the benefit of due process of law when they were expelled from school by board of education action.

The suit, naming former Benton Harbor Supt. Mark E. Lewis and Principal David Hartenbach as defendants, had charged that "due process" of law was not followed in the suspension of the students.

Judge Fox said that procedure agreed to by counsel for the students and the school officials by stipulation had been followed in the conduct of individual hearings by the board of education. He also noted that the court had received reports regarding the efforts of the school district to provide alternate educational opportunities to the plaintiffs once they were expelled from the regular classes.

The judge concluded that no further benefits could result from a continuation of the suit, and dismissed the action without costs to plaintiffs and defendants.

The suit had been started in February of 1971, following the Jan. 15 student riot.

Atty. Robert Small, counsel for the Benton Harbor district, said the court-approved stipulations under which the expulsion hearings were conducted had been of considerable interest to school administrators and school associations across Michigan. He explained that there has been no settled law on what constitutes due process for students under school discipline codes.

Besides the concern over loss of local control of schools other pertinent questions asked by the audience in brief form were:

Q — Isn't it true that the 26-mill freeze was very misleading due to the fact that the proposal permits further millage for cities, villages and some other taxing units such as community college districts and debt service?

A — Brickley answered by saying "No," due to the fact that under the present 50-mill limitation, such additional levies could also be voted in.

Q — What would happen to school financing if the country entered a recession and there were fewer and smaller incomes to tax?

A — Brickley said it would take a deep recession to hurt

Downtown BH Dollar Days

Downtown Benton Harbor merchants will offer a wide range of bargains to shoppers at their Dollar Days sale, opening tomorrow and running through Saturday.

As an extra convenience to their customers, most of the downtown merchants will be open Friday night until 9 o'clock. Saturday hours will be until 5:30 p.m.

Dollar Days is a custom of long-standing with Benton Harbor merchants. A partial listing of the bargains offered will be found on other pages of today's newspaper.

Paul Miller, manager of the J. C. Penney store and a member of the Downtown Merchants association, noted that most merchants will have many more items than those that are listed in the advertisements.



CONCENTRATION: Debbie Curry, sophomore at St. Joseph High school, studies her French lesson, oblivious to the St. Joseph High school symphonic band practicing in the background. Miss Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Curry, 3460 Middlebrook, St. Joseph, was waiting for one of the bandmen, and used the time to get in a little homework. (Staff Photo)

Praises Tax Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michigan Gov. William Milliken's proposals for property tax relief and educational reform were praised Tuesday night by White House adviser John Erlichman.

Erlichman, President Nixon's adviser on domestic affairs, made the remarks at a conference of Republican governors held before Nixon gave a stag dinner for the governors at the White House.

"I don't mind giving very generous credit to the governor," said Erlichman. He said Michigan

is "blazing a trail" with its efforts for tax reform.

The conference came at a time when administration officials were releasing some details of a value-added tax plan that President Nixon reportedly is considering as a possible offset for a federal property tax relief program.

The value-added tax in essence would be a national sales tax.

"Our two plans complement each other very well," Milliken told newsmen as he left the White

House.

The New York Times reported a \$16-billion value added tax is under consideration. White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, asked about the report, said, "The proposals we are working on are similar to that figure."

The Milliken proposals which drew White House praise would involve replacement of the present property tax base to pay for costs of education. An increase income tax, has been suggested as a possible alternative.

Roy Shoemaker Named To Head '72 UCF Drive

Roy Shoemaker has been named to serve as general chairman of the 1972 United Community Fund campaign.

His appointment was announced today by Stewart E. (Jack) Trefry, chairman of the UCF campaign committee and chairman of last fall's UCF drive.

Shoemaker, who is credit services manager for Health Co., was assistant chairman of the 1971 United Fund campaign. This will mark the fifth straight year that he has held a high UCF campaign post. In 1970, he was group co-chairman of the Industrial division and was co-chairman of the division during both 1968 and 1969.

The new UCF leader also is a member of the United Fund board of directors and has served on its budget committee. In addition, Shoemaker is a member of the board of Berrien County Red Cross, a United Fund agency.

A native of Benton Harbor, Shoemaker was a graduated from Benton Harbor high school and Lake Michigan College, where he was the

winner of the LMC Citizenship Award.

Shoemaker served two years with the U.S. Army in Korea and worked for Whirlpool Corp. before joining Heath in 1957. Prior to his appointment as credit service manager in 1970, he was the company's credit manager.

Besides his work with the United Fund, Shoemaker is president of the Benton Harbor Lions club and has served on the educational advisory committee of Benton Harbor High school. He is a member of the Bishop's committee and choir at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and has received the Bishop's Service Cross.

Shoemaker and his wife, Esther, are the parents of three children. The family lives at 591 Empire avenue, Benton Harbor.

The new UCF campaign chairman, who said that he will soon begin to announce other high campaign appointments, begins his work as the United Fund still seeks to improve on pledges to last fall's appeal. The latest count



ROY SHOEMAKER

shows that the United Fund has \$536,192, or 90.7 per cent of the \$591,297 goal.

"Jack Trefry and his campaign workers did a fine job last fall, and our work is cut out for us this year," Shoemaker noted. "We'll do all we can to make this a successful drive. The Twin Cities area people and our business firms must realize that their help is vitally needed."

Elsewhere of the United Fund scene, Robert W. Brooks, chairman of the UCF annual meeting committee, announced that the event will be held on Feb. 22 at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville. The main speaker will be announced soon, he said.

Benton Makes Tax Paying A Bit Easier

Benton township taxpayers will be able to pay their taxes on the last two Saturdays in February, according to township Treasurer Tony Angelo.

The announcement by Angelo highlighted a brief regular meeting of the Benton township board of trustees Tuesday.

Angelo said the tax collection office would be open Feb. 19 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office in the municipal building, 1725 Territorial road, usually is closed on Saturdays. Taxes also can be paid Monday through Friday at the same hours.

Residents earlier were granted a two-week extension through Feb. 29 to pay taxes without penalty. Angelo stated that the three-percent penalty usually placed on bills not paid by Feb. 15 would not be imposed during the grace period.

"Our biggest tax collection time is during the last two weeks before the deadline," Angelo stated. With the grace period and keeping offices open the two Saturdays, Angelo said the township would be "helping the tax-

payer and giving him a break."

"You'd be surprised at how many people have called and thanked us after learning of the extension," Angelo added.

In other fiscal matters, Angelo said senior citizens 65 or over on Dec. 31, 1971, veterans on pension or receiving disability checks, or widows of veterans should contact the township treasurer's office before the end of February.

Anyone in these categories may be eligible for homestead tax exemptions.

Angelo said those who have not already received such exemptions and feel they may be qualified should get in touch with the office of treasurer and see if they meet requirements. In addition, those who have received such exemptions before must make their annual application.

All persons possibly affected should contact the

Shoreham Asks More Data On Apartment Plan

Shoreham village councilmen asked Otto Schletter to bring in more detailed plot plan and blueprints regarding a 70-unit senior citizen housing complex he proposed last night.

Schletter, of 1013 State street, St. Joseph, unveiled a six-unit, three bedroom apartment house plan that runs into Shoreham's building code which prohibits apartment buildings having more than four units.

The area to be developed is 14 acres between Sinbad West (the old Shoreham restaurant) and Lake Michigan.

Schletter then unveiled a plan to build a 70-unit senior resident facility. This unit

would have a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bath plus a community dining room so patients could eat there rather than cook their own.

Dr. Hugo David, president of Shoreham said the council members would have to have more data before changing the zone.

Bun Baldwin, Bridgman realtor, agreed to reduce the size of a sign advertising some industrial development property just north of the Continental Can Co.

Dr. David reported the CPA firm of Rohleder, Suabedissen and Fiskell of Niles had agreed to do the Village audit.

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Board Size Cut Opposed In Berrien

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South Berrien Bureau
NEW BUFFALO — A proposal to reduce the Berrien county board of commissioners by some 10 persons was overwhelmingly opposed by about 30 persons attending the first of three public hearings by the Berrien county apportionment commission.

Meeting at New Buffalo township hall last night, county residents were more concerned with reduced representation than with holding the line on the county budget.

The commission also has scheduled public hearings at Niles city hall Thursday and Benton township hall next Tuesday, both at 7:30 p.m. Interested persons may offer plans for partitioning the county into anywhere from five to 21 districts of virtually equal population.

County Commissioner Edward Grieger of New Buffalo sparked the discussion on representation with his suggestion that the board be reduced by a number of commissioners whose annual and per diem pay equals the budget for the new county coordinator's office. He said this would reduce the board by nine or 10 commissioners.

Grieger said \$90,000 per year had been budgeted for salary and per diem expenses of the 21-member board for the past three years. The new budget calls for the same \$90,000, plus \$35,200 for the county coordinator's office.

Commissioners currently are paid \$2,500 per year plus \$25 per diem.

Grieger displayed his W-2 statement showing his 1971 earnings as a county commissioner to be \$3,849.96, which he said was the second lowest among commissioners. He

estimated top pay at about \$4,400.

Grieger concluded, "With the county coordinator, we don't need 21 commissioners. St. Joseph county, Ind., operates successfully with only three commissioners."

James Keller, also of New Buffalo and a member of the apportionment commission as county Democratic chairman, noted, "We would then be depriving citizens of a certain amount of representation."

"If that's the way you want to put it," replied Grieger.

Harold Stick of New Buffalo asked whether the savings in dollars would be worth the loss of representation if the number of commissioners was cut too much. Stick is president of the New Buffalo Citizens Improvement committee which led the successful recall of four of the city's five councilmen last month.

Russell Babcock, Galien township clerk, noted that "again and again we hear the complaint that everything is moving away from the local level. Frankly, I'm for anything that will keep more interest on the local level."

"I want to save money, but not at the expense of something else," he added.

Joann Fleck, New Buffalo township treasurer, observed, "If the board is dropped in size, the remaining commissioners will want more money, so the budget will soon be back up to \$90,000. I'm in favor of keeping 21 commissioners."

Ronald Taylor, county prosecutor and apportionment commission chairman, observed that "Potentially, at least, hiring of a coordinator has been termed as the first step toward a manager-commission form of county government. Do you think we would still need 21 commissioners then?"

Mrs. Fleck replied, "Let's wait until we reach that point."

Taylor then noted that the commission had no preconceived notion about the number of districts for the county.

Several others attending the hearing raised similar points in favor of retaining a 21-member board.

Forrest Kesterke, county clerk and secretary of the apportionment commission, noted that someone in the county would lose representation, even with 21 commissioners, due to the shift in population.

As an example, he noted that Lincoln township had grown from 4,000 to 11,000 persons, while Benton Harbor lost population.

During the discussion, it was brought out that the Berrien county chapter of the Michigan Townships association had gone on record favoring a reduction in commissioners to 13.

It also was noted that the executive committee of the county Republican party was on record favoring 21 districts.

A real problem in the whole apportionment matter was then unveiled by F. A. (Mike) Jones, county Republican chairman and member of the apportionment commission.

He pointed out that the 1970 federal census is broken down by enumeration districts instead of by voter precincts.

"It is difficult to determine where these district boundaries are," he said.

Jones pointed out that population in the districts ranges from zero to almost 4,000.

William Heyn, county treasurer and fifth man on the commission, said "There is no way, shape or form that you can fit the enumeration districts into the present precincts."

Kesterke pointed out that this would probably mean realigning of some precincts.

When asked what timetable



"TV DINNERS": Elementary children in Buchanan Community schools got their first taste of the new hot lunch program yesterday. The pre-cooked, frozen dinners are similar to the TV dinners found in grocery stores. They provide students with a well-balanced meal at a cost of 45

cents per day. The meals, prepared by Mass Feeding corporation of Elk Grove, Ill., are the same as those served in Benton Harbor schools. Miss Lilly Robinson, teacher's aide, helps serve lunches at Ottawa school. Some 743 meals were served the first day. (Staff photo)

Saugatuck Telephone Construction Begins

SOUTH HAVEN — A. R. Trestain, South Haven district manager for General Telephone, today announced the start of a major construction project in the Saugatuck exchange area to install almost 17 miles of cable at an estimated cost of \$144,400.

The additional cable will allow expansion of service to new subdivisions, trailer parks and marinas and increase the number of private lines available to Saugatuck area customers, Trestain said.

The area affected by the project is the south half of Saugatuck and all of Douglas down to the exchange boundary just south of 127th avenue.

As a result of these improvements, Trestain said, the telephone numbers of some customers will be changed. This will be coordinated with the compilation of the 1972 Saugatuck directory in July and August so that new numbers will appear in that directory.

Still in the planning stage are other projects that will provide private lines and two-party lines, at most, for the entire exchange area.

In a separate development, Trestain announced the completion of 12 new toll circuits between South Haven and Kalamazoo.

The new circuits will enable South Haven area customers to use the toll network with better chances of completing their calls without delay, especially during peak summer calling periods. They

provide additional circuits into the overall nationwide toll network, Trestain said.

The new equipment was installed by General Telephone in South Haven at a cost of \$14,685. Similar equipment was installed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. on the Kalamazoo end.

Public Invited To Visit Drug Treatment Center

The Berrien county Drug Treatment Center will hold an open house at its headquarters, 466 Pipestone, Benton Harbor, Thursday and Friday.

According to Mrs. Bonnie Bassett, Education Coordinator of the center, the open house will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

"We want this to be a 'get

acquainted' sort of thing," said Mrs. Bassett. "Members of the board and our staff will be on hand to answer questions and movies and other literature will be available for everyone."

Mrs. Bassett said that "people from all over Berrien county, not just Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, are

invited to come and get to know us and ask questions."

The location of the center at the Pipestone location, the site of the former Reiser mortuary, has brought opposition. The center is making its headquarters at the present location until the matter can be reviewed further by the Benton Harbor commission.

Cass Remap Plans Are Introduced

CASSOPOLIS — Plans that would reduce the size of the 21-member Cass county board of commissioners to as few as five members and as many as 15 were submitted yesterday to the Cass Apportionment commission.

The plans were proposed during a public meeting in the social services building in the presence of about 50 persons including many members of the board of commissioners, whose jobs will be affected by the outcome.

County Prosecutor Herman Saitz, chairman of the apportionment commission, emphasized to the audience that the plan approved by the commission in the end would be the commission's own. Plans submitted by county residents will be studied but the commission is not bound to accept any of them, Saitz said.

The commission must realign the county's 1970 census of 43,312 into not fewer than five nor more than 15 commissioner districts. There are now 21 members on the board.

In addition to Saitz, the apportionment commission includes County Clerk Kenneth Poe; County Treasurer Helen Burch; Richard Grabemeyer, county Democratic chairman, and Eleanor Haslanger, county GOP chairman.

There were six plans submitted to the commission yesterday. Three call for a 15-member commission, two for seven members and one for five members.

Glen Grady, chairman of the county commissioners, submitted two plans for 15 members. A third plan for 15 members was submitted by Frank Nevins of Dewey Lake.

The seven-member plans were submitted by Donald Foust of Ontwa township and by Burke Webb of Marcellus on behalf of Gerald Smith and the Marcellus Jaycees.

The five-member plans also submitted by Smith, replaced an earlier five-member plan that Smith based on preliminary census figures.

The newer plan would divide the county into five districts having a population variance between districts of no more than 36 persons. Smith said the plan most nearly fits all criteria set up for reapportioning commissioner seats.

Speaking on behalf of the same plan, Webb stressed it would increase the efficiency of county operations. Hiring a fulltime county executive would be an outgrowth of the plan, Webb said.

Several members of the audience spoke in sharp opposition to any plan that would drastically reduce the number of commissioner districts. In sum, they argued that such plans would remove representation too far from the people, that efficiency is not the main factor to be considered and the sentiment of most people is overwhelmingly in favor of a larger board.

Commissioner Johnie A. Rodebush, Howard township,

said a five member plan would eliminate most citizens as commissioners since they cannot devote the amount of time required for county business. Rodebush claimed this would limit commissioners to the wealthy, retired and others in special circumstances.

Grady said one of his 15-member plans would contain variances under eight per cent, the other about three per cent. He contended his plans would require a minimum of headcounting where census enumerator districts must be divided.

A public work session is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday in the social services building by the apportionment commission. Saitz said the session, and others to follow, will be open to the public but in the interest of getting work done only the five commission members will be permitted to speak.

Guilty Plea Is Entered

GRAND RAPIDS — One of four Dowagiac residents arrested in connection with the reported theft of a car and the kidnapping of a parking lot attendant in Chicago Jan. 18 pleaded guilty to a charge involving a stolen auto yesterday in federal court here.

William James Jr., 28, of 205 Budlow street, entered the plea to a charge of transporting a stolen car across a state line before Judge Albert J. Engel. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered.

Charges against another of the four, Cassandra Nickens, 19, were dismissed. Federal attorney John Milanowski said the girl was not involved although in the company of the other three when they were taken into custody.

The other two arrested, both 17-years-of age, agreed to be considered as juveniles under federal statute, giving the court the right to determine disposition.

The juveniles were identified as Donald Nickens and Eugene Landon, both of 501 Chestnut street.

According to the federal attorney, charges of kidnapping still standing against the three would probably be dismissed once disposition of the stolen car is completed.

The four were arrested after the car reported stolen was spotted by Dowagiac police. Two of the four were taken into custody then. The other two were subsequently taken into custody by state police.

According to police the attendant had been released in New Buffalo by four persons who took a car and forced him to accompany them from a parking lot in Chicago. He had gone to the state police after being released.

Kelley To Appeal Charge Dismissal

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley said Tuesday he will seek a Court of Appeals ruling on the dismissal of bribery charges against State Sen. Charles Youngblood Jr. and Wayne County Probate Judge Judge Szymanski.

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Elvin Davenport dismissed the indictments last Thursday on ground they were vague.

The charges of attempting and conspiring to bribe public officials had been made last November by the Wayne County grand jury. The indictments involved applications for liquor licenses.

Kelley said he would appeal that decision to the State Court of Appeals.

Marijuana Use Is Admitted

Three persons arrested in a raid at a Benton Harbor apartment house early Tuesday pleaded guilty to charges of unlawful use of marijuana when arraigned in Berrien Fifth District court.

They were booked originally by police on felony charges of sale and possession of marijuana, but the charges authorized by the prosecutor's office were unlawful use of marijuana — a misdemeanor.

Placed on pre-sentence investigation were Richard Stanley Mashak, 20, and Joseph Leroy Okay, 22, both of 627 1/2 Pipestone street, and Mrs. Deborah Jean Flood, 22, of 627 1/2 Pipestone. They were released on \$500 bond each, pending sentencing.

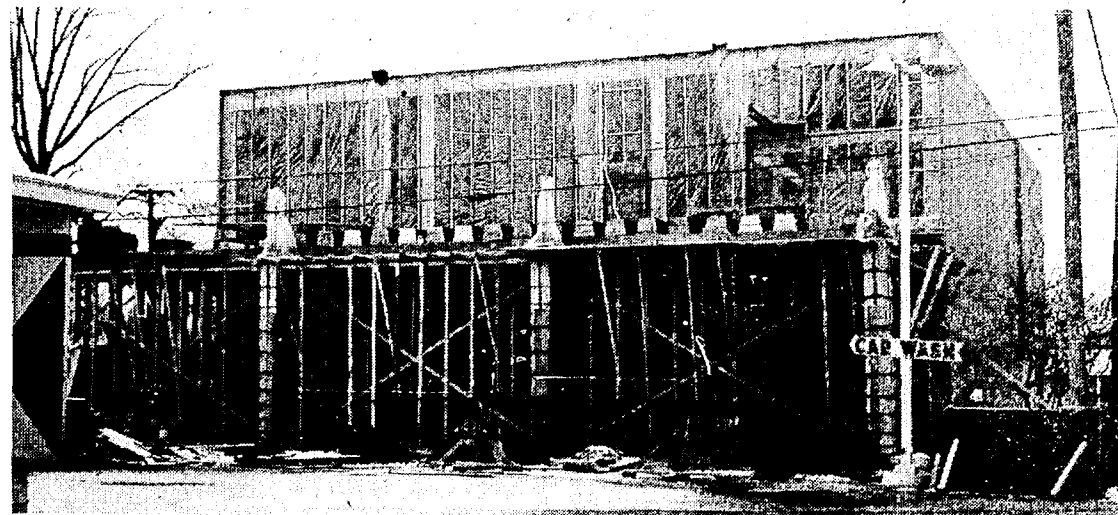
Lt. Meredith Rynearson of the Benton police department said they were booked by his department on charges of possession of marijuana.

Sports Law On Agenda

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The issue of control over high school sports may be considered by the state Board of Education at its meeting next week.

Dr. John Porter, state superintendent of public instruction, indicated Tuesday night the board may seek "clarification" of the situation in light of new law giving official sanction to the independent Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

When asked what timetable



SOUTH HAVEN ADDITION: A \$139,000 addition to General Telephone's South Haven office was begun last November and is scheduled for completion by spring. Additional space is being added to first and second floors at rear of building on School street. When complete, it will be outfitted with

township officials would have, he stated that it could be a real problem because of the possibility of a May presidential primary in Michigan.

"Obviously, there will have to be some allowances by the state," said Taylor.

The commission is charged with drawing up an apportionment plan with from five to

21 districts equal in population. Taylor said the commission has only a five per cent margin within which to work.

He said that at present only one plan has been filed with the commission. This plan calls for 15 districts.

St. Joseph attorney Tat Parish challenged the commission to reveal the name of the

long-distance equipment that will decrease the chance that a caller will encounter busy conditions when making a long distance call in peak periods. General contractor is the Yarbrough construction company of Paw Paw. (Tom Renner photo)

county commissioner who submitted the plan, but Taylor ruled that since that person had requested to remain unnamed the information was not public record.

Taylor said a copy of the plan is available for inspection at the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

He also emphasized that

information necessary for drafting a n apportionment plan also is available at the clerk's office.

Taylor noted that the commission faces a March 6 deadline for drafting a proposal, and said he hoped all plans for redistricting the county would be submitted by the last public hearing Feb. 8,